

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): A METHOD OF AND A DEVICE FOR FLATNESS DETECTION

By (Inventors): Jean-Paul Faure of Eragny sur Oise, France, and
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17 pages of Specification/Claims 1-15/Abstract are attached.
 Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-6; 4 sheet(s)) is/are attached.
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
 An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
 An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and _____ reference(s).
 This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
 A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.
 Priority of foreign application No. 00 13495 filed October 20, 2000 in France is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
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INDEP CLAIMS	2 - 3	= 0
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SMALL ENTITY

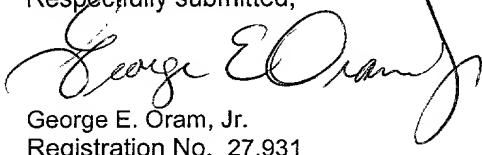
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	\$ 370
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x 42 =	\$
+140 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

LARGE ENTITY

RATE	Fee
	\$ 740
x 18	\$ 324
x 84	\$
+280	\$ 280
TOTAL	\$1,344

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Respectfully submitted,


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